

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Appropriation to Pay Cost of Annexation Proceedings.

PAPERS BEING PREPARED

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Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 12, 1912.

The board of aldermen last night passed a resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of paying the expenses in the suit in the annexation proceedings. The resolution provides that the money shall be expended under the supervision of the joint committee on finance and general law.

The next step will be the bringing of the matter before the common council. The question of whether a special meeting will be called for the purpose of considering it has not yet been decided upon.

After it is presented to council it will have to lay over, under the rules, for at least three days.

Papers in the annexation proceedings are now being prepared by Corporation Attorney Fisher to be served on the commonwealth's attorneys of Alexandria and Fairfax counties, together with the boards of supervisors of those counties, because Alexandria contemplates taking in a part of each county.

As soon as the appropriation becomes operative, which will be after council acts on it, Attorney Fisher will employ legal counsel to assist him in the case. It is reported that four local attorneys will be employed.

Building Association Meeting.

The German Co-operative Building Association, No. 5, at its annual meeting held last night, elected the following officers: Isaac Elchberg, president; Justus Schneider, secretary and treasurer; Robert P. Altheimer and E. C. Graham, directors.

The association passed a resolution requesting State Delegate, Moncure to prepare a bill to amend the act of 1907, which empowers the state bank examiner to have supervision over building associations. The association also declared dividends on stock as follows: Fourth series, \$5.00 a share; fifth series, \$7 a share; sixth series, \$4.50 a share; seventh series, \$3 a share; eighth series, \$1 a share.

Loans aggregating \$34,000 were made by the directors.

Officers of Alexandria Canton, No. 1.

Order of Odd Fellows, were installed last night. The ceremonies were conducted under a special dispensation from the commander general by W. E. Latham, past commander, with A. J. Martin, captain; J. J. Flynn, lieutenant; G. C. Treachy, ensign; D. R. Stansbury, clerk; W. Latham, secretary and treasurer; V. H. Peole, color bearer; N. D. Davis, guide; L. S. Groves, sentinel and R. E. Henson, drum major.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows will hold a meeting tonight when several applications for membership will be considered. The stockholders of the Sheldrake Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, of this city, held their first annual meeting this morning at the residence of Attorney Leo P. Harlow and elected the following officers: Henry L. Sheldrake, president; Fred J. Brennan, secretary and treasurer; William N. Roach, Jr., vice president; all of Washington. These officers constitute the board of directors.

Says He Forgot.

Frank Johnson, a colored youth, employed at the residence of Mrs. Mary Taylor, 717 E. Main street, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing an overcoat belonging to Prof. Archie Hoxton of the Episcopal High School, and a host of small things from the school. Johnson was employed by Hoxton as what he called a "house boy" in the defense when arraigned. Johnson took the case from a hall yesterday afternoon.

Policeman Kerne subsequently recovered the coat, a sled, and a number of other small articles which Johnson had carried home. The court imposed sentences of six months in jail and a fine of \$100 in default of the fine the boy will, therefore, spend nine months in jail.

A fine of \$5 was imposed in the case of Edward Johnson, colored, for disorderly conduct. He was sent to jail for thirty days additional, because only a few days ago he made his escape from the chain gang.

Winfield Majors, colored, charged with assaulting William Murphy, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

A youth named Thomas Frasier, who escaped from St. Mary's Training School, Baltimore, was turned over to the authorities of that school.

Fire in a Residence.

The two-story frame dwelling house, known as 207 North Alfred street, occupied by J. H. Moore, a Southern railway engineer, which is the residence of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, was partially destroyed by fire shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The fire started in some unexplained manner in the kitchen during the absence of the family and damaged the rear part of the house. The loss to the house, amounting to about \$200, is covered by insurance.

At the time of the fire no one was in the house. Engineer Moore and his wife were in Charlottesville.

An alarm of fire shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, was caused by the burning of a mattress at the residence of Mr. Smith, 123 North Payne street.

The remains of Rev. Thomas J. Packard, who died in Rockville, Md., will be brought here this afternoon and buried in Ivy Hill cemetery. The services will be attended by several of the Episcopal ministers here, together with the pastor of the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

The funeral of Irving L. Deavers, title son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deavers, took place this morning from the residence of his parents at Loyola lane, Alexandria county. Services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

In addition to the officers elected by the First National Bank, M. B. Harlow was elected vice president of the bank.

A Courageous Quaker.

A prize story entry in our next Sunday Magazine is "A Quaker Mate," written by Frank T. Bullen, the well known English writer, who is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. The story is a sea chief mate of the Brotherly Love, a South Sea whaler, in love with the captain's daughter, Ursula. The vessel was wrecked in a tremendous storm, in which all were drowned except John and the girl. They drifted about in an open boat for a long time till they were finally picked up by another whaler in the hands of a band of ruffianly mutineers. Then ensued a series of adventures of the most tragic sort, with the powerful and gigantic Penn opposing the entire gang of villains. Mr. Bullen has put the whole force of his exceptional abilities into this story, and it will be read with pleasure by all our subscribers. The last of the competing stories appears by the way, in the issue of January 23.

Devotion.

When the doctor called to see the baby its mother informed him that the medicine left for the infant the day before was all gone.

"Impossible!" declared the surprised physician. "I told you to give him a teaspoonful once an hour."

"Yes, but John and mother and I and the nurse have each had to take a teaspoonful, too, in order to get baby to take it."

Mrs. Solie Shoulte of Stafford county, Va., died Tuesday at the home of her son, Dave Colvin, of paralysis after a lingering illness, aged eighty-four years.

GIVES ROOSEVELT VIEW OF SHERMAN TRUST LAW

Samuel Gompers Says Former President Favored Exempting Labor Organizations.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, quoted ex-President Roosevelt as being in favor of the reconstruction of the Sherman anti-trust law to make it more specific in describing what is unlawful during his testimony before the Senate committee on interstate commerce yesterday afternoon. He said he conferred with the President in 1908 regarding the anti-trust law's application to labor organizations.

Exempts Voluntary Organizations.

"The President believed that voluntary organizations of the working people should not come under the anti-trust law," Mr. Gompers told the committee. "But as the United States Supreme Court had decided that they did, he held that must be regarded as the law. But he was of the opinion that the law should be so reconstructed so that it would state that which is unlawful and describe the acts that are unlawful, that the law ought to omit any references to labor organizations. He held that a specific description of the acts that are unlawful would exclude labor organizations from the operations of the law."

The President said he would take it up with his cabinet, and he agreed to meet Alton B. Parker, the attorney for the federal government. But I have heard nothing further of it."

Asks No Favors.

After the Supreme Court had decided that combinations of labor were subject to the anti-trust law just the same as combinations of capital, Mr. Gompers said, assurances were extended that there would be no attempt at the dissolution of organizations of working people. But Mr. Gompers did not take such assurances seriously, he said.

"I don't want such assurances," he continued. "Either we exist of right or we should be dissolved. We should not be hounded or lured into a fanciful security that we do not possess."

"Labor men want to know their status. They hold their organizations to be a necessity to them. Slavery, demoralized slavery, would exist without the organizations. To say that men and women may not do jointly what they may do individually, such as to give or withhold patronage, is to bring slavery."

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals.

United States engineers' tug Castle, at engineers' wharf from an inspection trip to reclaimed land at Alexandria; tug Tecumseh, with a naval gun factory barge in tow, from Indian Head; tug Mitchell Davis, with a tow of oyster-laden boats from the Wicomico river and points on the lower Potomac.

Departures.

United States naval tug Cheotaw, towing lighter for naval proving grounds at Indian Head.

Memoranda.

Schooner Mildred is in Mattox creek laden with railroad ties for this city; schooner Virginia Dare is on her way to Philadelphia with railroad ties from the Potomac; schooner Alexander Wiley is in Nomini creek loading cord wood or ties for the dealers here; schooner Clara Leonard is in Nomini creek with lumber for the market here; schooner Thomas W. Kirby is at a Potomac point with oysters in the shell for the market here; schooner Flora and Agnes is at Baltimore waiting favorable ice conditions before sailing for a North Carolina point; schooner Earl Biscoe and Louis Worrell have been placed in winter quarters in Mattox creek; power boat M. B. Wright is at a Chesapeake bay point to load oysters for the market here; schooner Ella and J. P. Robinson are in Upper Machodoc creek waiting the resumption of navigation.

Of Interest to Mariners.

A notice to mariners regarding Cape Charles light vessel has been issued from the office of the lighthouse inspector as follows:

Virginia—seacoast—Cape Charles light vessel, No. 49—Submarine bell reported not ringing January 7; will be repaired as soon as practicable.

Did you ever notice how one tires of those mechanical toys after they have been around the house a while?

By J. N. Darling

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Night Attack Led Them to Believe British Army Was Upon Them.

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A case which has just been heard before the higher military court at Breslau brings to light a peculiar and somewhat humorous incident of the recent German army maneuvers. The prosecution brought an action against Lieut. von Heyderbreck of the Oels rifle regiment, accusing him of misuse of authority and of causing grievous bodily injury and material damage. The facts as they were stated before the court were as follows:

Lieut. von Heyderbreck's regiment cooperated in the maneuvers with the Bernstadt regiment of dragoons. One night the lieutenant was instructed by his superior officers to take a company of men to a point or outpost, his company approached the sleeping camp of dragoons and opened fire with blank cartridges at close quarters. The effect was a wild stampede. Horses broke loose from their tethering posts and dashed madly through the darkness, falling over tent ropes and breaking the poles, by which several men were injured.

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MRS. NEEDHAM IS BURIED.

Her Death Shock to Friends in Washington and Elsewhere.

The body of Mrs. Caroline Beach Needham, wife of Dr. Charles W. Needham, former president of George Washington University, was interred in Rock Creek cemetery this morning. None but the family and close friends accompanied the body to the cemetery. Funeral services at the Needham apartment in the Netherlands were conducted by Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant. The honorary pallbearers were Judge Martin A. Knapp, Judge Wendell P. Stafford, Prof. Williston S. Hough, Theodore W. Noyes, Harry C. Davis and Charles R. Dean.

The death of Mrs. Needham, which occurred last Tuesday evening, as the result of an attack of acute indigestion, came as a profound shock to her host of friends in Washington and Chicago, where the family lived for several years. Hon. Beach Needham, a son, whose home is in Evanston, Ill., was unable to reach this city in time for the funeral. The other children, Misses Grace A. and Edith C. Needham, reside in Washington, a second son, Frank R. Needham of Rochester, N. Y., being here for the funeral.

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FOR U. S. REGULATION

Schwab Favors Federal Control of Big Corporations.

DISSOLUTION HELD UNWISE

Ironmaster Says Government Supervision Would Aid Industrial Combinations.

PHILADELPHIA, January 12.—Charles M. Schwab, ironmaster, extraordinary and guest of honor last night at one of the most remarkable dinners of the year, declared strongly for federal regulation of industrial combinations in some such manner as the interstate commerce commission now regulates the railroads, and made an earnest plea against the breaking up of the United States Steel Corporation into smaller units under federal anti-trust proceedings.

The demonstration given to Mr. Schwab in the magnificently decorated ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford had as participants United States Senator Boies Penrose, the governor, Mayor Blankenburg and men of national note in the financial world and in the steel and iron industries. More than 400 of these men surrounded him in the reception that preceded the dinner and in the feast itself. Hundreds of radiantly gowned women were in the balcony of the ballroom, and their pleasure and applause added materially to the brilliance and gaiety of the spectacle.

Holds Dissolution Unwise.

But it was the sensational yet well considered utterances of Mr. Schwab that made most memorable the occasion. "The one thing necessary to make the United States in general and Pennsylvania in particular pre-eminent in the iron and steel industry of the world," he said, "is that there shall not be such governmental action as would substitute individualism for the economical concert and co-operation that now exist in the United States Steel Corporation and in other organizations like it."

"I admit that there are evils in connection with the conduct of some of these great combinations of capital, and with that condition before me, I suggest that there should be some form of federal supervision, such, for instance, as the interstate commerce commission exercises over the railroads. We all remember the outcry that was raised against the establishment of this commission, yet every railroad officer now cheerfully admits that its establishment was the greatest blessing that has ever come to the roads."

Makes Great Prediction.

"A similar tribunal would be of the same benefit to such combinations of industrial activities and capital as the United States Steel Corporation. It would permit the introduction of economies which already have made this country a powerful competitor for the steel business of the world, and have ranked Pennsylvania as foremost of the states in the prosperity that results from these economies."

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Boys' Double-breasted and Norfolk Suits—the small lots of grades up to \$7.50.....	\$2.98
Boys' Novelty Overcoats—Plain Blue and Fancy Gray, with velvet collar and emblem on sleeve. Sizes 2½ to 8 years. Regular \$3 and \$3.50 grades.....	\$1.98
Boys' Novelty Reefers—the small lots of the regular \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 grades.....	\$5.98
Boys' Ribbed Balbriggan Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers; broken sizes. 30c grade.....	35c
Small lots of Boys' Fancy Nightgowns—broken sizes. 50c grade.....	35c
Broken sizes of Boys' Fast Black Stockings; wide and narrow rib. 25c grade.....	19c
Boys' Fancy Domest Pajamas; broken sizes. 75c grade.....	50c

Special Sale of Pajamas.

\$1.50 and \$2 values, 95c

It's very rarely such a sale occurs—because Pajamas of this class are seldom to be found in surplus quantity. But there are about 40 dozens of these—every one a desirable style—and in variety that makes personal selection easy.

Satines, Silk and Linen Mixtures; Nainsooks and Madras—in White, Brown, Blue, Pink, Lavender and Heliotrope—solid colors and fancy patterns; self and contrast trimming; silk frogs.

Heavy Cotton Night Robes; collars attached, and trimmed with silk. Regular \$1 grade..... 59c

Webster Tells Court He Murdered Wife

Enters Plea of Guilty on First Anniversary of His Marriage.

OREGON, Ill., January 12.—Dr. Harry E. Webster pleaded guilty to murder in the Ogle county circuit court here today on the first anniversary of his marriage to Bessie Kent Webster, whom, by his own confession, he killed near here last September. Webster withdrew a plea of not guilty previously made by him.

Attorney John E. Erwin of Webster's counsel announced formally that his client had decided to enter the plea of guilty, and Webster in response to interrogation by the court then made the plea in person.

Judge Farrand asked Webster if he understood that he was entitled to trial by jury, and if the plea of guilty was made with Webster's own free will. To each question Webster replied "Yes."

DEATH OF MAJ. HANDY.

Former Newspaper Correspondent and Gridiron Club Member.

Maj. F. A. G. Handy, who for many years was a well known newspaper correspondent here, died this morning at 6:35 at his home in Barcroft, Va., after an illness of several weeks. Mr